

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: FUTURE IMPLICATIONS OF CHANGES AT AMUAY REFINERY

PRESIDENT OF EXXON SERVICES IN VENEZUELA IN DISCUSSING THE FIRM'S  
CONTRACT TO OVERSEE THE 850 MILLION DOLLAR MODERNIZATION OF THE  
FORMER EXXON REFINERY AT AMUAY, MADE AN INTERESTING POINT. THE  
REMODELED REFINERY WILL NOT PRODUCE A LARGER VOLUME OF END PRODUCTS  
BUT IT WILL BE ABLE TO PROCESS MUCH HEAVIER TYPES OF CRUDE. THE  
EXPERIENCE GAINED IN OPERATION OF AMUAY SHOULD GIVE EXXON MUCH OF  
THE PRACTICAL TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE TO MAKE IT FEASIBLE SOMETIME IN  
THE FUTURE TO BUILD A REFINERY TO PROCESS THE DIFFICULT HEAVY RAW  
PRODUCT IN THE ORINOCO TAR BELT. WHEN THE GOV IS READY TO MOVE ON TO  
EXPLOITATION OF THE TAR BELT, EXXON WILL BE PREPARED TO OFFER THE  
NECESSARY TECHNICAL EXPERTISE.  
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